

ISSUE

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY  
CELEBRATIONS**

A two day event!

**July 3rd** — 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
with fireworks at 9:15 pm at the  
North Andover Middle School.

**July 4th** — 7:00 am to 10:00 pm  
on the Town Common. Please  
visit the Town website for all the  
details.

**SUMMER SHOWS  
ON THE COMMON**

**Children's Shows**

July 8th - August 7th

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 a.m

**Concert Series**

July 13th - August 31st

Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m

**STEVENS POND**

The North Andover Beach at Stevens Pond will be open from Wednesday June 25th – Friday August 22nd, 7 Days a Week from 9:30am until 7:00pm. Pond Stickers will be available to residents and can be purchased at Stevens Pond. A SEASON PASS costs \$75. Additional stickers may be purchased for \$20 per car. Proof of Residency and Auto Registration will be required at the time of purchase. Adult Day Passes for guests of residents and residents without stickers can be purchased for \$12 per adult (a daily fee). Children are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Swimming lessons are available, please see the Town website for more information or contact the Youth Center at 978-682-9000 with any questions!

# North Andover

## Community and Business

# NEWSLETTER



## North Andover Loves Food!

Now that we have survived the lovely New England winter months we can get out and enjoy some of the new establishments that have opened in North Andover over the past few months. We have everything from breakfast, lunch and dinner through coffee and dessert!

### Dominic's Diner @ the Airport

American and Middle-Eastern Food

Serving Breakfast and Lunch 7 days a week



### Baked & O So Good

1211 Osgood Street

BAKED carries a wide selection of fine coffee and teas that perfectly complement their range of freshly baked muffins, croissants, cupcakes, cakes, and more. Made with artisan bread that's baked locally and delivered daily, their savory breakfast and lunch sandwiches feature a variety of meats, fresh veggies, and flavor combinations you won't find anywhere else.



### Cows Rock Ice Cream

5 Johnson Street (Old Center)

Serving ice cream and other treats



## THE STEVENS ESTATE

Special Event & Conference Center

The Historic Mansion and the stately grounds at the Stevens Estate are an ideal setting for a variety of special events, from formal parties to casual summer outings.

Conferences, Holiday Parties, and Summer Outings  
Businesses find the Stevens Estate to be the perfect location to host conferences and corporate retreats. The flexible layout, with large and small meeting rooms, overnight accommodations, wireless Internet

and varied menus provide companies flexible choices and an excellent value. The Estate's elegantly appointed rooms and historic surroundings guarantee extraordinary parties. The extensive grounds with in-ground pool, bocce and volleyball court, horseshoes, and hiking trails create a setting for fun-filled outings.

Social Events - Showers and Ceremonies all find the Stevens Estate to be the perfect venue for their celebration. From Fundraisers, to Christenings, to Bat & Bar Mitzvah's, this timeless mansion welcomes all.



## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

After the approval of the town budget, it is beneficial to reflect on all the support the schools receive. However, what is most significant is not the amount of funding (although it is so necessary) but the realization of the expanse of community involvement in the schools. During school days and at school events, the presence and active support of so many volunteers contributes to assisting school staff in creating a vibrant school environment in which learning and celebration of learning takes place. "THANK YOU" to all who have contributed time, expertise, and energy to supporting our staff and students.

Physical changes can be seen at the Kittredge School, where the new gym is "coming online." Students and community will benefit by this tremendous addition. Across the street on the site of the former police station, construction

has begun on the new school administration offices, which will provide a location closer to the schools along with meeting space for the school committee. A spring of 2015 completion date should be realized. Both of these projects could not have been initiated without the support of the town for which there is another "THANK YOU."

North Andover High School graduation occurred on June 13 with a graduating class of over 330 students. As we wish them all the best for their continued success and happiness, we also recognize that so many members of the community have contributed to what these fabulous students have already achieved. "THANK YOU" graduates for making the community proud.



## NEWS FROM THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

### Animal Waste and Water Quality

Animal waste is one of the many sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality and may cause health problems as well. Dog waste left in the woods, on the lawn or on the street or sidewalk is often washed down storm drains, into drainage ditches or directly into a waterways including Lake Cochichewick, North Andover's sole drinking water supply.



Animal waste contains several types of pollutants that contribute to water quality problems: nutrients, pathogens and naturally toxic material, ammonia. When animal waste ends up in a pond, stream, or more importantly Lake Cochichewick, it decomposes, using up oxygen and re-leasing it pollutants into the water. During summer months when the water is warm, the combination of low oxygen levels and ammonia can kill fish and other aquatic organisms. The nutrients cause excessive growth of aquatic weeds and algae.

Pathogens the disease causing bacteria and viruses associated with animal waste can also make water unsafe for human use. If pathogens or the indicator bacteria associated with animal waste are found during water testing Stevens Pond may be closed to swimming and Lake Cochichewick may require expensive means to treat and protect your drinking water.

Fortunately, there are some simple practices

everyone can do to help prevent pollution by keeping animal waste out of the water. While it may seem easier to ignore the problem of animal waste, remember that you are protecting not only the environment but also your own health:

1. Pick up after your pet. Believe it or not preventing water pollution can be as simple as remembering to bring along a plastic bag when you walk your dog. Dispose of the waste in a trash receptacle. Bagging the waste and leaving it does not constitute as cleaning up after your pet. The town has recently installed dog waste stations at many open space properties including Osgood Hill, the Steven's Estate, town entrance to Weir Hill (and at Weir Hill), and Half-Mile Hill. Stations include bags and a disposal receptacle. Picking up dog waste in the yard is just as important. Rains wash billions of fecal coliform bacteria over lawns and into storm drains, wetlands, streams, lakes and ponds.

2. Don't feed waterfowl. While one of the pleasures of a trip to Stevens Pond or Lake Cochichewick has always been taking stale bread to feed the waterfowl, the environmental and health impacts of this activity for both humans and birds can be serious. While ducks, geese, and swans all love bread, it lacks the nutrients and roughage of their natural diet. Feeding these birds bread is similar to feeding a small child a diet of candy and soda; they may love it, but it does them no good and may cause long-term health problems. Feeding waterfowl also tends to cause the birds to gather in numbers higher than can be supported by the natural food supplies. These large flocks of birds also create large quantities of waste and serious water pollution problems.

## STAY CONNECTED

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